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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Examiner : Ruixiang Li
Group Art Unit : 1646
Applicants : Hermann Oppermann, et al.
Application No. : 10/816,768 Confirmation No. : 3980
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For : MODIFIED TGF- β SUPERFAMILY PROTEINS

New York, NY 10036
May 14, 2009

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This responds to the January 14, 2009 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a 1-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). With the extension, a reply is due on or before May 14, 2009. Thus, this reply is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.